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1. SENATOR STEVENSON ARRIVED IN BUCHAREST ON EVENING OF MONDAY, JANUARY 9, FOR TWO AND ONE-HALF DAY VISIT AS GUEST OF ROMANIAN PARLIAMENT, THE GRAND NATIONAL ASSEMBLY. HE WAS MET AT AIRPORT BY ILIE SALAPA, CHAIRMAN OF GNA'S COMMITTEE ON INDUSTRY, ECONOMIC, FINANCIAL ACTIVITY.

2. ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 10, SENATOR WAS BRIEFED BY EMBASSY COUNTRY TEAM. HE CALLED ON NICOLAE GIOSAN, PRESIDENT OF GNA; ION PATAN, DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER FOR FOREIGN TRADE AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION; AND GEORGES MACOVESCU, MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFIARS. AMBASSADOR ACCOMPANIED SENATOR ON ALL CALLS. FOLLOWING LUNCHEON IN HIS HONOR HOSTED BY AMBASSADOR (GUESTS INCLUDED VASILE VOLOSENIUC, CHAIRMAN OF THE ROMANIAN BANK OF FOREIGN TRADE; MR. SALAPA; AND IULIU DOBROIU, DIRECTOR OF DIRECTORATE III), SENATOR WAS ESCORTED BY GIOSAN TO PRESIDENT CEAUSESCU'S MOUNTAIN RETREAT IN PREDEAL. SENATOR WAS ACCOMPANIED TO PREDEAL
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BY AMBASSADOR AND CONTROL OFFICER. AT PREDEAL, PRESIDENT CEAUSESCU RECEIVED SENATOR AND AMBASSADOR FOR MEETING LASTING 95 MINUTES.

3. SENATOR STEVENSON PROCEEDED TO BRASOV FROM PREDEAL WHERE HE WAS OFFERED FESTIVE DINNER AT CARPATHIAN STAG RESTAURANT BY CORNEL SANDRU, VICE-CHAIRMAN, PEOPLE'S

COUNCIL OF BRASOV CITY. SENATOR AND PARTY, INCLUDING PROFESSOR LEWIS WHO JOINED SENATOR AT THIS POINT, OVERNIGHTED AT HOTEL CARPATI.

4. ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11, SENATOR VISITED POINTS OF HISTORICAL INTEREST IN BRASOV BEFORE MEETING WITH NEWLY APPOINTED BRASOV PEOPLE'S COUNCIL CHAIRMAN, CHEORGHE DUMITRACHE. EN ROUTE TO BUCHAREST FROM BRASOV, SENATOR AND PARTY LUNCED AT POIANA BRASOV. ON ARRIVING IN BUCHAREST, SENATOR CALLED ON PRESIDENTIAL COUNSELOR FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, VASILE PUNGAN, AND CHIEF RABBI MOSES ROSEN. THE FINAL FULL DAY OF SENATOR'S VISIT ENDED WITH DINNER HOSTED BY GNA PRESIDENT GIOSAN.

5. ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 12, SENATOR VISITED HISTORIC POINTS IN BUCHAREST AND ANSWERED QUESTIONS POSED BY ROMANIAN JOURNALIST AND VISITING AP CORRESPONDENT PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE ON AEROFLOT FLIGHT 152 FOR MOSCOW.

6. EMBASSY IS PREPARING MEMCONS AND CABLES CONVERING SUBSTANTIVE CONVERSATIONS. SENATOR STEVENSON RECEIVED FULL VIP TREATMENT FROM GOR DURING VISIT AND IT WAS CLEAR THAT ROMANIANS CONSIDERED VISIT IMPORTANT EVIDENCE OF CONTINUING CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST IN BILATERAL RELATIONS. FROM EMBASSY'S PERSPECTIVE, TRIP WAS HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL.

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